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SUBJECT: IV CANDIDATE FAHDEL

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POST NOMINATES CHEIKH MOHAMED FAHDEL, COMMANDANT DIRECTOR OF NOUAKCHOTT AIRPORT, FOR IV GRANT. AS COMMANDANT OF NOUAKCHOTT AIRPORT AND THE MOST EXPERIENCED MAURITANIAN IN AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND AIRPORT MANAGEMENT, FAHDEL'S FUTURE IS ASSURED. IT IS PROBABLE FAHDEL WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN CHOOSING AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT NOUAKCHOTT. HIS IMPORTANCE TO THE GIRM IS DEMONSTRATED BY HIS SELECTION TO ATTEND A THREE MONTH COURSE IN ENGLISH IN BEIRUT THIS WINTER. POST HOPES IV GRANT COULD BE DESIGNED TO ACQUAINT FAHDEL WITH PERSONNEL AND TECHNIQUES IN U.S. AIRPORT MANAGEMENT, AIRCRAFT CONTROL, SAFETY PROCEDURES. FAHDEL WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN US AIRPORT EQUIPMENT. BIO DATA USING 12 FAM 407 FORMAT FOLLOWS:

1. CHEIKH HVHAMED FAHDEL, MALE, BORN 1942 BOUTILIMIT, MAURITANIAN.

EDUCATION: LYCEE DE LA FORCE IN DAKAR 1958
SCHOOL OF CIVIL AVIATION IN TUNIS 1959-63

2. COMMANDANT (DIRECTOR) OF THE NOUAKCHOTT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. PREVIOUSLY DIRECTOR OF AIRCRAFT CIRCULATION.

3. N/A

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4. AS A STUDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY AS AN AIRCRAFT CONTROLLER FOR ASECNA (AGENCE POUR LA SECURITE DE LA NAVIGATION AERIENNE EN AFRIQUE) FAHDEL SPENT 4 YEARS IN TUNIS AND SHORT PERIODS OF TIME WORKING IN AIRPORT CONTROL TOWERS IN SENEGAL, IVORY COAST, CAMAROON, CHAD AND MADAGASCAR.

5. CANDIDATE BEGINS A THREE MONTH COURSE IN ENGLISH IN FEBRUARY. HOPEFULLY IMGRANT WILL ALSO ALLOW IMPROVEMENT OF HIS ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY. NEVERTHELESS INTERPRETOR (FRENCH) DESIRED.

6. ARABIC, FRENCH

7. MARRIED WITH FOUR CHILDREN.

8. AIRPORT MANGEMENT, AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND AIRCRAFT SAFETY PROCEDURES.

9. MADAME FAHDEL (MOTHER), 154 RUE DE BOLINE, TUNIS, TUNISIA

10. PRACTICING MUSLIM: NO PORK, NO ALCOHOL.
GRANTEE IS PREPARED TO TRAVEL IN JUNE OR JULY. ALTERNATE
IS DEPUTY COMMANDANT OF NOUAKCHOTT AIRPORT TOURAD OULD BRAHIM.

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